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Subject: End of Day -- October 29, 2013

MEDIA

Center for Investigative Reporting (Berkeley, Calif.): Susanne Rust, reporter, requested information on groundwater remedy footprint analysis inserted as an appendix to a draft 2012 report issued by the Navy. Informed Ms. Rust appendix remains uncompleted. CLOSED. SUPERFUND. (V) David Yogi / Rusty Harris-Bishop.

PBS (Mountain View, Calif.): Provided producer, Martin Koughan, information on Superfund sites in Santa Clara county for a special to be aired next year on Silicon Valley's tech industry. CLOSED. SUPERFUND. (V) David Yogi.

Vallejo Times-Herald (Vallejo, Calif.): Spoke with Jennifer York, reporter, regarding her inquiry on USCG ship STORIS. Working with HQ to develop desk statement to send to Ms. York in response to her inquiry. Will finalize by COB tomorrow, October 30. OPEN. ENFORCEMENT. David Yogi.

AZ Daily Star - reporter Tony Davis wanted EPA reaction to Arizona Game and Fish's "Agreement in Principle" with Rosemont on proposed conservation mitigation measures. OPEN Contact: Margot Perez-Sullivan (v)

Press Release: EPA Fines Phoenix-based Company \$95,000 for PCB violations – The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has required Veolia ES Technical Solutions, LLC to pay a \$95,000 civil penalty for failure to properly manage PCBs (polychlorinated biphenyls) at its Jefferson Avenue facility in Phoenix, Ariz.

San Diego Union Tribune: Reporter Peggy Peattie is looking for information on the New River and would like to set up a possible interview. Sent reporter initial background information on EPA's role. WATER. OPEN. (v). Nahal Mogharabi.

Los Angeles Times: Reporter Jessica Garrison is looking for information on a criminal case in Santa Fe Springs. CID. OPEN. (v). Nahal Mogharabi.

WEB

Social Media:

State of the SF Bay Estuary Conference – Participated in livetweeting from today’s State of the Estuary Conference in Oakland by tweeting postings from live coverage of [#SFEstuary](#) conference presentations.

Admin. McCarthy’s First 100 Days – Posted information on Twitter and Facebook and a link highlighting the Agency’s notable achievements during Gina McCarthy’s [First 100 Days as U.S. EPA Administrator](#).

Children’s Health Month - Posted information to Facebook about choosing safe plastics for children and linked to the [BPA Information for Parents website](#).

Web Updates:

Nevada Lead (Pb) SIP - Posted the Federal Register Notice of our Proposed Partial Approval/Disapproval of the Nevada Lead (Pb) SIP on the [Region 9 News and Events page](#).

Clean Harbors Los Angeles - Posted updates and new documents to the [Clean Harbors Los Angeles LLC page](#).

CONGRESSIONAL & INTERGOVERNMENTAL

Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-CA): A letter from Senator Dianne Feinstein to EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy dated October 28, 2013 requesting that EPA place a full-time “civil” investigator in Fresno to address the growing marijuana cultivation problem was controlled to Region IX for development of a response for signature by the Regional Administrator. Brent Maier controlled the letter to Amy Miller and Kathleen Johnson (ENF) for development of a response. A copy of the incoming letter is available upon request.

Sen. Mark Begich (D-AK): Today, a conference call was held with Sen. Mark Begich’s Legislative Assistant, Bob King, regarding the decommissioned Coast Guard Cutter Storis currently being towed by Pacific Tugboat to Ensenada, Mexico for scrapping. Senator Begich’s office had been provided information that the cutter is not PCB-free as had been previously considered. Region IX participants for this call included Kathleen Johnson, Joel Jones, Doug McDaniel and Christopher Rollins (ENF), OCIR’s Raquel Snyder, OSWER’s Betsy Devlin, Bill Noggle and Randy Deitz, HQ Office of General Counsel Andy Simmons and Brian Grant, Region IX Congressional Liaison Cindy Schuster, and Kelly Zito and Brent Maier (OPA). We discussed the status of the vessel as we understand it, and also let Mr. King know of the limited role EPA plays in these maritime issues. HQ OGC gave a brief summary of the process and the various agencies involved in similar export matters. We discussed information we received from US Coast Guard, and committed to follow up with USCG to verify their “self-certification” of the PCB-remediation conducted in 2007. We committed to provide Mr. King at a later date, any update regarding information we receive from our follow up with the USCG on this issue.

Senator Mazie Hirono (Hawaii) – Senator’s staffer Kehau Yap, emailed a question if there were any impacts from a very small molasses spill (anywhere between 2-10 gallons) into Kahului Harbor on Maui, during a transfer operation there. Let her know that no major impacts, as it was a small spill, but according to media reports Alexander and Baldwin, the company doing the transfer has stopped molasses operations on Maui because of it to double check their equipment and procedures.